



STAR 2004 Questions and Answers

About the Early Assessment Program (EAP)

What is the Early Assessment Program?

The Early Assessment Program (EAP) is a joint program of the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California State University (CSU) system. As part of the EAP, Early Assessments of Readiness for College English and Mathematics are being administered in spring 2004. These assessments are augmentations to the grade eleven English-Language Arts CST and the Algebra II CST and the Summative High School Mathematics CST.

Students' scores on the EAP in English and/or mathematics may result in the students being exempt from taking placement tests that the CSU requires for entering college freshmen. The EAP is being developed so that public high schools and the CSU can determine the level of college preparedness of individual students. The intent is to give students information about additional skills they may need to develop in their senior year of high school so that they enter college ready to enroll in baccalaureate courses.

Who may participate in the EAP?

All students taking the grade eleven English-Language Arts CST are eligible to participate in the EAP for English. Students in grade eleven, who will have completed algebra II by the end of the school year, also are eligible to participate in the EAP for mathematics.

What tests are required for EAP?

For the English EAP, students will take the multiple-choice questions for the grade eleven English-Language Arts CST, plus 15 additional EAP multiple-choice questions in their CST test book. These students also will take an EAP essay test that will be administered on a separate date after all STAR testing has been completed.

For the mathematics EAP, students will take the multiple-choice questions for Algebra II CST or Summative High School Mathematics CST, plus 15 additional multiple-choice questions, in their CST test book.

The EAP questions for English and mathematics will be identified with a CSU symbol. The administration time for the three CSTs has been extended to provide time for students to complete the additional EAP multiple-choice questions.

When will the EAP essay be administered?

The essay must be given within 30 days of the last day for administering the tests in the STAR Program or by May 28, whichever comes first.

Do students have to participate in the EAP?

No. Students in grade eleven may participate in the EAP for English by answering the EAP questions for English in their grade eleven test book and by completing the EAP essay test. Students in grade eleven may participate in the EAP for mathematics by answering the EAP questions in their Algebra II CST or Summative High School Mathematics CST test book.

What will be included in the students' scores?

Students' scores will consist of the scores on selected questions from the CSTs, plus scores on the EAP questions. The students' reports will indicate whether they are ready for college-level work or need additional preparation.

When will students receive the EAP results?

Students will receive the EAP results in August, following their junior year of high school, so that they can arrange to take additional work needed to prepare for college during their senior year.

How can parents/guardians obtain other information about the EAP?

Parents can obtain information about the EAP by contacting their student's high school office during regular school hours.